



**SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL/ STAFF SUMMER WORK SESSION**

**CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER
9889 WADE BLVD.
FRISCO, TX 75035**

9:00 AM

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Curt Balogh opened the meeting at 9:06 a.m. with all members present with the exception of David Prince, and of Pat Fallon, who would arrive later, and City Staff represented by: City Manager, George Purefoy; Deputy City Manager, Henry Hill; Assistant City Manager, Nell Lange; Assistant City Manager, Ron Patterson; City Attorney, Rebecca Brewer; City Secretary, Jenny Page; EDC Director, Jim Gandy; Special Assistant to the City Manager, Curt Balogh; Assistant's to the City Manager, Daniel Ford and Ben Brezina; Public Works Director, Gary Hartwell; Parks and Rec. Director Rick Wieland; Parks Planning and Capital Projects Sup., Dudley Raymond; Budget Manager, Jenny Hundt, Finance Director, Anita Cothran; and Sr. Administrative Assistant, Sharon Perry.

Also present were Council member elect, John Keating and Valerie Wigglesworth with the Dallas Morning News.

Curt Balogh welcomed and commented on the day's activities.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Water and Sewer Rate Analysis Presentation and Discussion.

Assistant City Manager Nell Lange introduced Water and Sewer Rate Consultant, Bob McLain. Mr. McLain spoke about the future of water and sewer rates and options for the City. After discussion, Public Works Director commented on water conservation and presented handouts available in the Council packets.

Engineering Director Paul Knippel arrived at 10:04 a.m.

The group recessed at 10:15 for a 15 minute break.

Pat Fallon arrived at 10:24 a.m.

2. Strategic Focus Area Review and Discussion.

Mr. Balogh presented a list of topics that were suggested by Council in the pre-meeting interviews and the group elected to continue the Bond Sale discussion from yesterday.

Ms. Lange continued the discussion with assistance from Budget Director, Jenny Hundt.

Jeff Cheney suggested moving forward with most bond sales with the exception of the Performing Arts Center and Development of Grand Park.

Mr. Balogh suggested that the group discuss items related to Parks and Engineering since the department Directors were present.

Parks and Rec. Director Rick Wieland and Parks Planning and Capital Projects Superintendent Dudley Raymond joined the discussion to answer Council's questions and provided information about the Hike and Bike Trails and Grand Park.

Engineering Director Paul Knippel was available to answer questions in regard to Street Improvements and recommended that there was not a demand to sell bonds in the next 12 months but potentially would need about \$13 million in the following year, and the remaining \$11 million the next year, all depending on if the County does the same.

Mr. Knippel added that the Stonebrook extension project was ready to begin and was added into these calculations.

The group recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 1:11 a.m. Pat Fallon left during the lunch break and returned to the discussion at 1:13 p.m.

Discussion continued on Bond Sales and Capital Reserves and the general consensus was to continue to contribute to the Capital Reserves fund.

The next Bond discussion was on the Performing Arts Center and how to continue.

Questions asked were:

Should we sell bonds for ACC Short term - 2 years?

Have the building savings past?

Wouldn't we save on all the projects?

Choices were:

Call Election.

Support at some time.

Don't support at all.

After much discussion, Mr. Balogh suggested a special meeting before the June 29th ACC Meeting to take some action in public; to come to an agreement of the topics to be discussed at the ACC meeting and gain a unified front.

Mayor Maso disagreed with another meeting and felt that Council could ask their questions to the ACC board in a professional manner but all agreed that the bonds should be ranked to give staff direction.

#1 Fire Equipment

#2 Fire Station #7

#3 Portion of Park Trails

#4 Portion of Grand Park

#5 Street Improvements

The topic moved to budget for a brief discussion.

The group recessed at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m.

John Lettelleir joined the discussion and the topic was "Build Out of the City – What do we want to be? Demographics, industries, employment, amenities, and services". The discussion was about how to plan for future expansion in the northern portion of Frisco.

Gateway Competition was the next topic and was suggested by Mayor Maso that the borders of Frisco should be competitive with McKinney, Plano and other neighboring cities. One area was Hwy 121 and Custer. Another was Smotherman Road with Jeff Cheney suggesting a land swap with Little Elm since they could not provide utilities to the area.

The next topic was Heritage Center/Frisco Junction. Mayor Maso suggested an international village for the area from Heritage Village to Main. Scott Johnson suggested more private/public partnerships overall and possibly in this area as well. The discussion also included marketing.

Pat Fallon suggested talking about Elections and polling locations. Suggestions were:

Why can't you vote anywhere on Election Day.

City Hall polling location and parking.

Cost.

Percentage/Cost per location.

Additional locations – possibly up to 7.

Council asked City Secretary Jenny Page to research adding additional polling locations and provide information for the next election.

Big Idea:

Scott Johnson commented that Collin County has a Farm Museum with no home.

Jeff Cheney suggested another Get Fit Frisco type organization and has a couple of groups that are interested in a fresh start and willing to help. Mayor Maso agreed this was a good idea and has talked with professional sports figures and other organizations that are also eager to sponsor the effort.

Mayor Maso suggested growing the Boards and Commissions by 2 members, a senior and a youth. Bob Allen suggested a Council liaison.

3. At 5:30PM the City council will adjourn the work session meeting to attend dinner and a social event at Fieldhouse USA, 6155 Sports Village Rd, Frisco, Texas 75034

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned early at 5:18 p.m. to travel to Fieldhouse USA for dinner and a game of basketball. Members traveled independently and the event was social and not business in nature.

(Please note these are preliminary meeting minutes and are not official until approved by the City Council at the next scheduled meeting. Approved/signed minutes are available at <http://sire.friscotexas.gov/sirepub/docs.aspx> .)

Maher Maso, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jenny Page, City Secretary